Migration of rural labour

*116. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to launch a new scheme for discouraging migration of rural labour;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have identified the pockets of such migration in the country; and

(d) whether Government propose to consult the States before launching such scheme?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (d) The proposal to enact a Central Legislation for the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, which aims to enhance livelihood security to poor households in rural areas by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment to every poor household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual labour, is under consideration of the Government. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme would create additional wage employment opportunities in rural areas which will discourage migration of rural labour.

Kidnapping of children for organ theft

*118. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to media reports on the kidnapping of children by organised gangs for organ theft;

(b) if so, the States where such gangs are active; and

(c) what action has been taken to protect the children by the Centre and the concerned States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) The Union Government has not come across any specific media report on the kidnapping of children by organised gangs for organ theft.